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Filed: March 14, 2001	)	Confirmation No. 3920
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For: KIT CONTAINING A MODIFIED	)	
PROBE MOLECULE FOR USE	)	
IN DETERMINING THE	)	
PRESENCE OF A NUCLEIC ACID	)	
ANALYTE IN A SAMPLE	)	

**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on May 17, 2006, kindly enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks in connection with the above-captioned application.